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OLD TOMBSTONES IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

COLLECTED BY THE EDITOR.

(*Concluded.—See Vol. II., p.* 219; *Vol. III., pp.* 28, 115, 182.)

XXII.

SARAH'S CREEK.[1]

Here Lyeth ye Body of
Mrs Mary Perrin Daughter
of Mr John and Mrs Mary
Perrin died Sepr ye 18th
1738 Aged three years
One month & five Days.

Here lies the Body of
John Perrin son of Thomas
and Elizabeth Perrin
Who departed this life Nov^br^ 2^d^ 1752
Aged 63 years 1 month and 2 Days.

XXIII.

GOSHEN.

Here lies the body
of
Hannah
widow of Morgan Tomkies [2] of
Gloucester C^y^ daughter of Benjn
& Hannah Robinson of King & Queen
C^y^ who departed this life the 20th
Jany 1825, aged 43 years, 8 months
& 20 days.

XXIV.

SHACKELFORD'S FARM.[3]

**Here lyeth interred the body of
Annie Byfield daughter of
William Byfield who departed
this life — July 1700, in the
11th month of her age.**

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Richard Byfield

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NOTES.

[1] Sarah's Creek flows into York River on the east side of Gloucester Point. At its mouth was the favorite harborage of the British men-of-war. On the east side of the mouth stood the Perrin mansion, still in good condition, and of the style of architecture so usual in Virginia during the reigns of the Georges—a large brick building, two stories high and four rooms to a floor, wainscoated and panelled. The house is in full view of Yorktown. The Perrin family have intermarried with many of the leading families of Virginia. In the York records I found the following quaint letter from the anxious mother to the immigrant youth, John Perrin:

SON JOHN: My love to yo^{u}, and I was very glad to heare of yor health, but very sorry to heare of ye accident wch befell yo^{u} by fire. I have sent yo^{u} a boy wch I desire that you would have as much care of as if he was yor owne alsoe. I have sent yo^{u} some things, so much as I am able at this tyme, and if God shall enable me to live another yeare I shall send yo^{u} more. Yo^{r} father hath departed this life, and hath left you a little house in ye South-gate streete in burg worth the matter of 40l̄b, there is a noate in ye barrell it lieth at ye topp in ye new blankett, and I have sent yo^{u} by Tho : a small peece of gould for yor wife alsoe I have pd for ye boy his passage, his name is Backer yor uncle Christopher lives at Ascamack at Cheryston creeke, & as yo^{u} desire my blessing have a care of ye boy, and learn him his trade, and not to pt from him * * * my love to yo^{u} & yor wife desiring of God to keepe * * *

Your loveing mother,

SUSAN PERRIN.

[This letter which is without date is entered in the proceedings of the court for 1648.]

[2] In the Virginia *Gazette* of May 20, 1737 is the notice of the death of Charles Tomkies, at his house in Gloucester county, practitioner in physic, skilful in his profession, for many years justice of the peace.

[3] These Byfield tombstones lie about three miles from York River, and seven miles from the Court-house. Tradition has it that these little children wandered off from home and were lost in the woods and died, and were buried on the spot where found.

ERROR: On page 31 of this volume (Vol. III. No. 1) the four last lines of the inscription of "John Dixon, only son of John Dixon and Elizabeth Peyton," etc., were transposed from the inscription of Doct. John Dixon his son (page 30). It was the latter "who died" etc., and was "the last male descendant of the Dixon family."

OLD TOMBSTONES IN MATHEWS COUNTY.

COLLECTED BY THE EDITOR.

I.

"YEATMANS."[1]

Sacred to the memory of
Mary Yeatman
Wife of Thomas M. Yeatman
& daughter of John Tompkins
She died in October 1796.
Aged 31 years.

Sacred
to the Memory of
Thomas Robinson
Eldest son of
Thomas Muse Yeatman & Mary Tompkins.
Born Jan'y 5, 1789,
Died Aug. 25, 1832.

II.

OAK GROVE.[2]

Here lyeth Interred
the — of William Armistead,
who departed this life the 13 day,
of June 1711, aged 40 years.

III.

TRINITY CHURCH.[3]

In Memory of
Mr. John Nason
who Died May ye 18th 1772
Aged 52.